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BACKGROUND NOTE BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON THE ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE BOARD REPRESENTATIVES TO THE UNICEF/WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION JOINT COMMITTEE ON HEALTH POLICY FOR THE 1995-1996 BIENNIUM

1. The present information note has been prepared as background for the election of representatives of the Executive Board to the UNICEF/World Health Organization (WHO) Joint Committee on Health Policy (JCHP) for the 1995-1996 biennium.

2. At its second regular session in 1994, the Executive Board decided that its membership on JCHP should comprise the President of the Board (ex officio); five members elected in their personal capacity and representing the five regional groups at the United Nations; and five alternate members elected in their personal capacity from the same country as the members, bearing in mind the necessity for continuity. The Board stipulated that members and their alternates should be senior persons with relevant professional and UNICEF Board expertise and experience, able to provide technical guidance and policy advice. Representatives may not serve for more than two consecutive terms unless they become ex officio members (E/ICEF/1994/13 (Part II), decision 1994/R.2/5).

3. Normally, JCHP is expected to meet biennially in odd-numbered years. However, in recent years, JCHP convened several special sessions in even-numbered years, which led the Executive Board to decide that in electing its representatives to the Joint Committee the Board should ensure the election of those who represent countries that will be on the Executive Board for at least two additional years.

4. Additional information on the establishment of JCHP, its evolution and its terms of reference is contained in document E/ICEF/1994/L.11.

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